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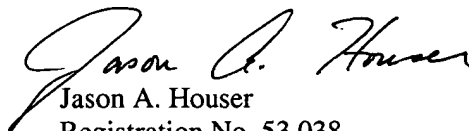
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ELECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, Applicant elects without traverse the claims in Group I, namely Claims 1-26, drawn to a reamer. Further, Applicant elects the species of invention shown in Figures 1-4. Of the now-elected claims, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-14, 16-24, and 26 each read on the elected species of the invention. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that, of the now-elected claims, Claims 1-7, 11-13, 16-23, and 26 are generic to all species of the invention identified by the Examiner. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional patent applications taking up the nonelected claims.

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